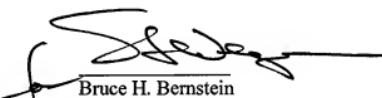


**REMARKS**

The "Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment" indicated that Applicants' "Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111" filed April 6, 2009, was not in full compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. In particular, the Notice stated that claim 15 had an incorrect status identifier, which should be changed to read "Currently Amended". Accordingly, Applicants hereby submit a corrected "Amendments to the Claims" section of the non-compliant amendment in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, wherein the status identifier of claim 15 now correctly reads "Currently Amended". Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that Applicants' "Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.111" is now in full compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.

Should there be any questions regarding this response, the Legal Instruments Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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